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COMMENTS:

Sir,

Enclosed is a response to office action for
Ser. No. 09/002,187.

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In re application of: Art Unit: 2756
Haberman et al.   Examiner: Thong Vu
Serial No. 09/002,187   Attorney Docket: RIC-96-161
Filed: December 31, 1997

For: System and Method for Establishing a Virtual Circuit in an ATM Network

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Amendment and Response to Office Action

Assistant Commissioner
         of Patents
Washington, D.C 20231

Dear Sir:

        In response to the office action mailed April 24, 2000, applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 6, 14, and 22 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for establishing a virtual circuit from a client to one of a plurality of servers through a network, comprising the steps of:

>   (1) receiving a request for connection from a client, wherein said request specifies a functional group having a unique ATM address, and wherein said functional group includes a plurality of servers, each capable of servicing said client, and wherein each of said plurality of servers are assigned a unique ATM address;